

Appl. No. 10/668,902
Examiner: KEBEDE, BROOK, Art Unit 2823
In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2005

Date: October 25, 2005
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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document in the parent to this application. Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 25, 2005 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

The drawings are objected to for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p) and 1.83(a). Claims 1 and 15 are objected to for informalities. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-21 are indicated as allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In this paper, claims 1, 10 and 15 are amended to correct grammatical errors and other informalities, as described in further detail below. The specification is amended in a corresponding manner.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks contained below.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "224" was used to designate both a photoresist layer and an insulating layer. The specification has been amended to correctly identify the insulating layer with reference number "222".

The Examiner also objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for failure to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, specifically the "conductive stud" of claim 1 and

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the "polysilicon stud" of claim 15. Applicant has amended the specification and claims to correctly identify the feature illustrated in Figs. 3-19 as a "conductive line" or "polysilicon line".

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1 and 15 are amended according to the suggestion of the Examiner to correct the grammatical errors contained therein. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 10 and 15 have been amended to correct the grammatical errors therein and are now considered to be compliant with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 1-21 are overcome. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating in the Office Action that claims 1-1-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. As noted above, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 15 to bring them into compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. It is therefore Applicant's belief that claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

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